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Statement on Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-1 helicopter incident

A Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-1 "Huey" helicopter made an emergency landing this morning following an apparent engine failure. The aircraft auto-rotated safely to the ground at about 11:15 a.m. in Washington County about one-half mile west of the Ozaukee-Washington County line just north of Highway 60.

None of the three crewmen aboard were injured. The aircraft is assigned to the Wisconsin National Guard's 832nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) in West Bend.

The aircraft was on a routine maintenance test flight when the incident occurred. The three crewmembers aboard were a maintenance test pilot, an instructor pilot and a crew chief.

Auto-rotation is a standard emergency procedure that allows a helicopter to safely descend without power. All Wisconsin Army National Guard helicopter crews are fully trained and proficient in this procedure.

The Wisconsin National Guard will not provide any further information at this time. The incident will be investigated by the U.S. Army Safety Center.

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